

**REMARKS:**

**INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10, and 12 have been amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112**

In the Office Action, at page 2, claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Specifically, the Examiner stated that the omitted step in claim 12 is "a search unit." Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claim 12 to recite, in relevant part, "searching for the address of the desired information based on the registered predetermined search information when a category is selected." Support for this amendment can be found at least at page 17, lines 20-34, of the specification. In view of this amendment, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

**REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)**

In the Office Action, at pages 3-4, claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,061,738 to Osaku and Pan (hereinafter "Osaku"). This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 12, in its presently amended form, recites "searching for the address of the desired information based on the registered predetermined search information when a category is selected, wherein said predetermined search information comprises a specific word in a general language." In contrast, Applicant submits that Osaku teaches that a simplified network address, comprising a short string of letters or numbers, is prepared to replace an original URL to enable easy access to a relevant homepage.

The present invention teaches that, in order to store or search for a homepage, hierarchically configured categories, produced by the user himself or herself, are used. More specifically, Figs. 8 and 9 of the present application show that from among hierarchically configured categories produced by the user entitled, for example, "WEATHER FORECASTS," "KANTO (REGION)," and so forth, a desired combination of keywords such as "WEATHER FOECAST & KANTO/KANTO REGION" is automatically obtained. Thus, this combination of

keywords includes recognizable and understandable words in a general language, making the system more user-friendly. Applicant respectfully submits that Osaku fails to teach or suggest the creation of a simplified network address in an understandable form. More specifically, the simplified network address taught by Osaku is merely a string of numerals and letters having no specific meaning in a general language, thus the simplified network address is not understandable.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103**

In the final Office Action, at pages 4-7, claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Related Art (hereinafter "Related Art") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,061,738 issue to Osaku. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Independent claims 1, 3, 4, and 8-10 have each been amended to recite that the predetermined search information comprises a specific word in a general language. As previously stated, Applicant submits that Osaku teaches that a simplified network address, comprising a short string of letters or numbers, is prepared to replace an original URL to enable easy access to a relevant homepage. Thus, for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 3, 4, and 8-10 and dependent claims 2, 5-7, and 11 depending therefrom patentably distinguish over Osaku, as Osaku fails to teach or suggest that the predetermined search information comprises a specific, understandable word in a general language.

### **CONCLUSION:**

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

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Respectfully submitted,

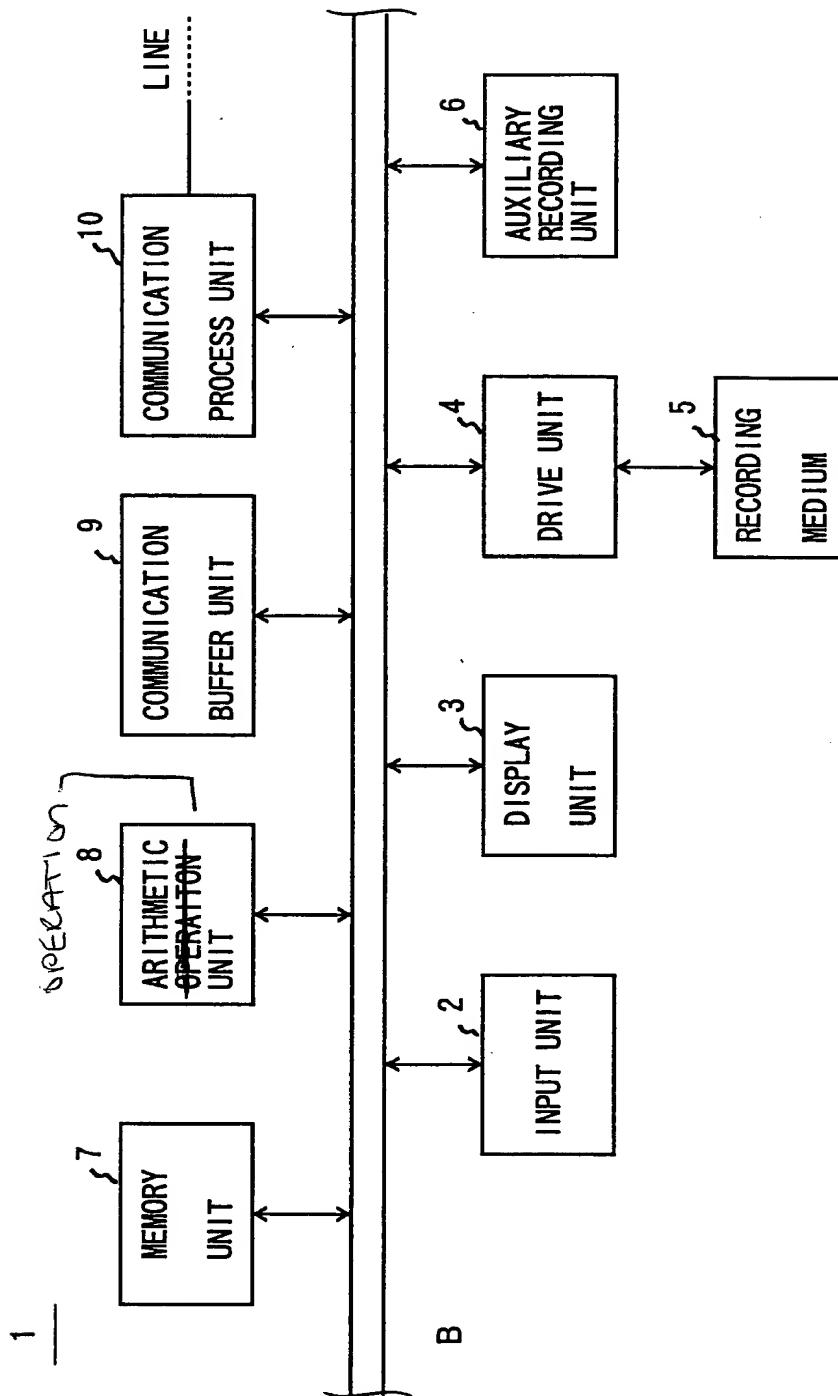
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FIG. 4





# FIG. 7

## FIRST-LEVEL MENU

LIVING	ENTERTAINMENT	TRAVEL/SIGHTSEEING
SHOPPING	HEALTH	EDUCATION/CHILDCARE
BUDGET	HOUSING	PROBLEM SOLVING

## SECOND-LEVEL MENU

LIVING

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
- WEATHER FORECASTS
- TIMETABLES
- LOOK UP TELEPHONE NUMBERS
- LOOK UP POSTCODES
- SEND A TELEGRAM
- LEARN SOCIAL MANNERS
- LEARN SOCIAL WELFARE
- KEEP A PET
- SHIP GOODS

- TV PROGRAM TIME SCHEDULE
- RADIO PROGRAM TIME SCHEDULE
- TRAFFIC INFORMATION
- CALL TAXI
- DISHES TO BE DELIVERED
- WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS
- BOOKSTORES/SECOND-HAND BOOK STORES
- ~~VOLUNTARY TASKS~~ *voluntary*
- BEAUTY TIPS
- BE ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY

ENTERTAINMENT

- FORTUNE-TELLING
- HOBBIES
- GAMBLING
- GOURMET
- FAMILY OUTING
- ALCOHOL

- ART
- LESSONS
- HAVE A NIGHT OUT
- WATCH GAMES/SEE CONCERTS
- CIGARETTES

TRAVEL/SIGHTSEEING

*Information*

- TOUR INFORMATION/TRAVEL AGENTS
- TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONS
- RENT-A-CAR

- HOTELS AND ACCOMMODATIONS
- TRAVEL GOODS
- UNTRADEN SPOTS

HOUSEKEEPING

- RECIPES
- TABLEWARE
- CLOTH CLEANING
- WASHING POWDER/LIQUID
- TOILET GOODS

- KITCHEN GOODS
- HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES
- CLEANING GOODS
- DEODORANTS/INSECTICIDES
- SEWING KITS

SHOPPING

- DEPARTMENT STORES
- COMMODITIES

- SPECIALTY STORES
- MAIL ORDER SHOPPING

HEALTH

- HOSPITALS/CLINICS
- HEALTH CARE

- WESTERN MEDICINE
- ORIENTAL MEDICINE

EDUCATION/CHILDCARE

- NURSING *Schools*
- PRIVATE ~~SCHOOLS~~ *SCHOOLS*/EXAMS
- DRIVING SCHOOLS
- LICENSES

- SCHOOL INFORMATION
- FURTHER EDUCATION
- ACADEMIC/REFERENCE BOOKS

FIG. 10

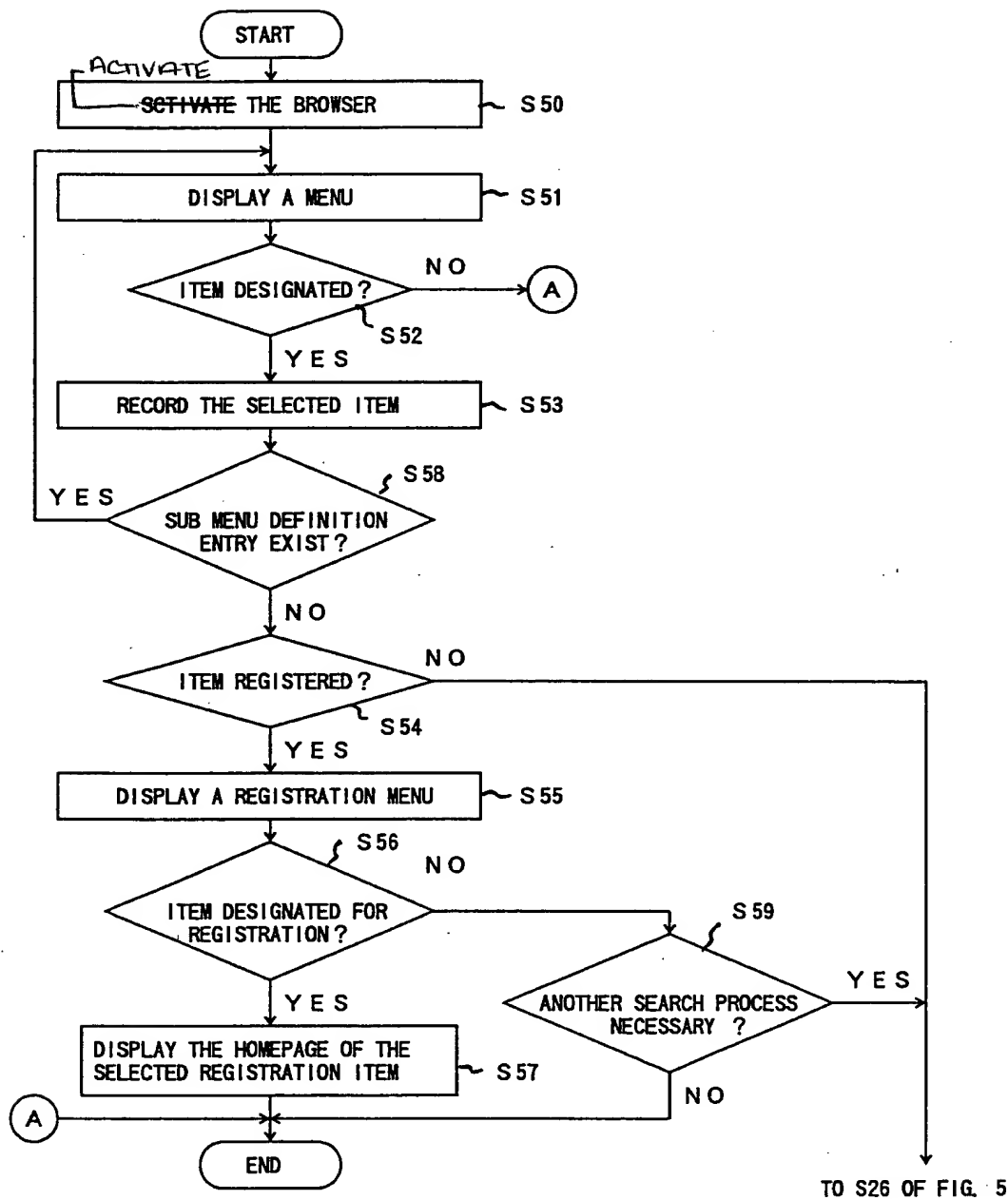


FIG. 13

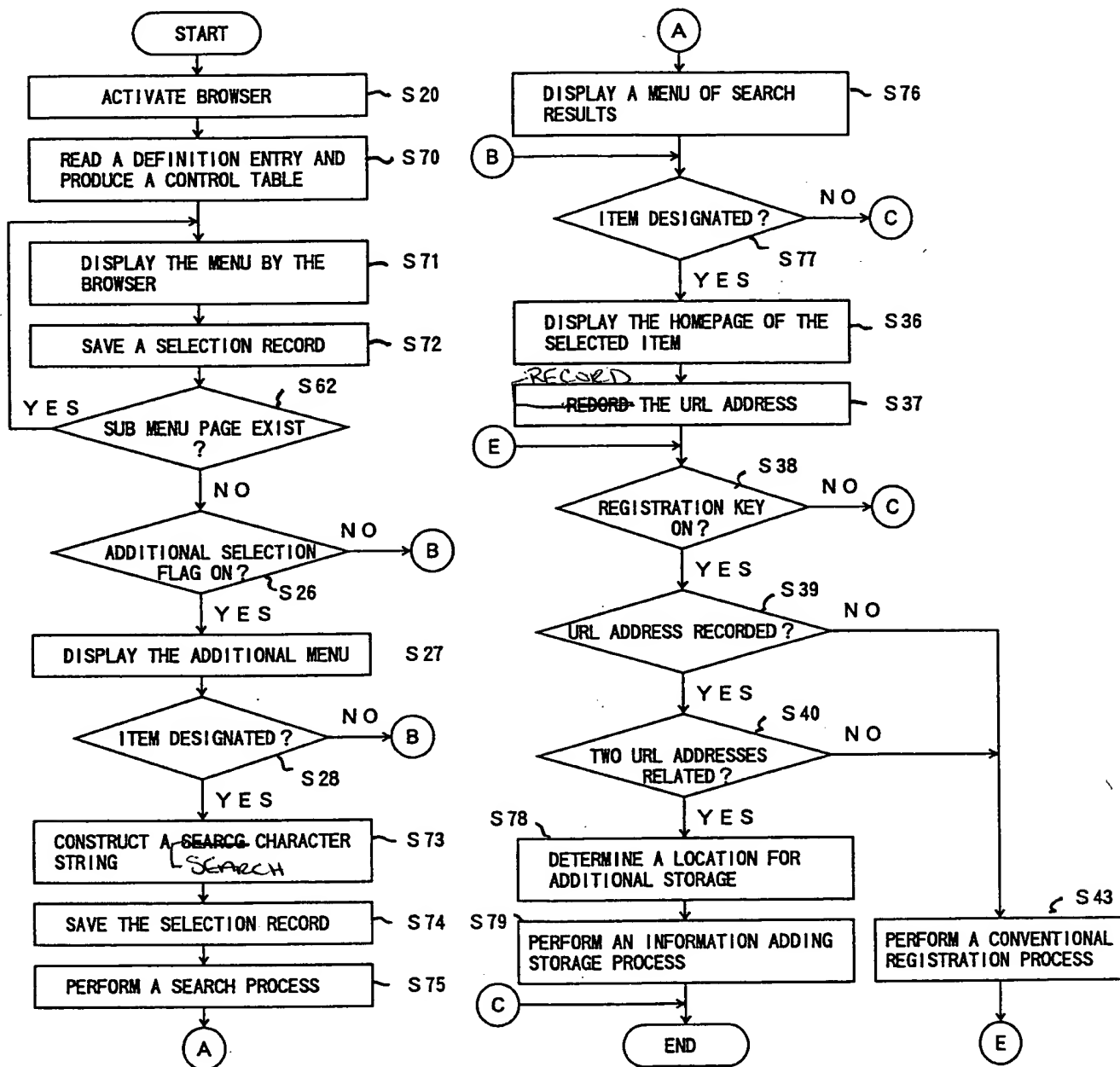


FIG. 16

